

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

GEM YIELD BAHAMAS LIMITED and GEM
GLOBAL YIELD LLC SCS,

Petitioners,

vs.

MULLEN TECHNOLOGIES, INC. and MULLEN
AUTOMOTIVE, INC.,

Respondents.

Case No. 1:24-cv-001120-KPF

Related Case No. 1:23-cv-11268-KPF

Hon. Katherine Polk Failla

**CONFIDENTIALITY STIPULATION
AND PROTECTIVE ORDER**

WHEREAS, the parties to this action (collectively, the “Parties,” and individually, a “Party”) request that this Court issue a protective order pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c) to protect the confidentiality of certain nonpublic and competitively sensitive information that they may need to disclose in connection with post-judgment discovery in this case; and

WHEREAS, the Parties, through counsel, agree to the following terms; and

WHEREAS, the Court finds that good cause exists for the issuance of an appropriately tailored confidentiality order governing the post-judgment phase of this action,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that any person subject to this Confidentiality Stipulation and Protective Order (“Protective Order”)—including without limitation the Parties to this action, their representatives, agents, experts and consultants, all third parties providing discovery in this action, and all other interested persons with actual or constructive notice of this Protective Order—shall adhere to the following terms:

1. Any person subject to this Protective Order who receives from any other person subject to this Protective Order any “Discovery Material” (*i.e.*, information of any kind produced

or disclosed pursuant to and in the course of post-judgment discovery in this action) that is designated as “Confidential” pursuant to the terms of this Protective Order (hereinafter, “Confidential Discovery Material”) shall not disclose such Confidential Discovery Material to anyone else except as expressly permitted hereunder.

2. The person producing any given Discovery Material or that person’s counsel may designate such material as Confidential, in whole or in part, only if counsel determines reasonably and in good faith that such designation is necessary to protect the interests of the client in information that is proprietary, a trade secret, or otherwise sensitive and non-public financial or business information; that is of a personal or intimate nature regarding any individual; or that is subject to a contractual or other duty of confidentiality owed by the client to a third party.

3. With respect to the Confidential portion of any Discovery Material other than deposition transcripts and exhibits, the producing person or that person’s counsel may designate such portion as “Confidential” by stamping or otherwise clearly marking as “Confidential” the protected portion in a manner that will not interfere with legibility or audibility.

4. With respect to deposition transcripts and exhibits, a producing person or that person’s counsel may designate such portion as Confidential either by (a) indicating on the record during the deposition that a question calls for Confidential information, in which case the reporter will bind the transcript of the designated testimony (consisting of question and answer) in a separate volume and mark it as “Confidential Information Governed by Protective Order”; or (b) notifying the reporter and all counsel of record, in writing, within 30 days after a deposition has concluded, of the specific pages and lines of the transcript and/or the specific exhibits that are to be designated Confidential, in which case all counsel receiving the transcript will be responsible for marking the copies of the designated transcript or exhibit (as the case may be) in their

possession or under their control as directed by the producing person or that person's counsel by the reporter. During the 30-day period following the conclusion of a deposition, the entire deposition transcript will be treated as if it had been designated Confidential.

5. If at any time prior to the resolution of appeals in this action, a producing person realizes that some portion(s) of Discovery Material that it previously had produced without limitation should be designated as Confidential, such producing person may so designate such material by so apprising all prior recipients in writing, and thereafter such designated portion(s) of the Discovery Material will be deemed to be and treated as Confidential under the terms of this Protective Order.

6. No person subject to this Protective Order other than the producing person shall disclose any of the Discovery Material designated by the producing person as Confidential to any other person, except to:

- a. the Parties to this action, their insurers, and counsel to their insurers;
- b. counsel for the Parties, including in-house counsel, and any paralegal, clerical and other assistant employed by such counsel and assigned to this matter;
- c. outside vendors or service providers (such as copy-service providers and document-management consultants, graphic production services or other litigation support services) that counsel hire and assign to this matter, including computer service personnel performing duties in relation to a computerized litigation system;

- d. any mediator engaged by the Parties or appointed by the Court in this matter, provided such person has first executed a Non-Disclosure Agreement in the form annexed as an Exhibit hereto;
- e. as to any document, its author, its addressee and any other person indicated on the face of the document as having received a copy;
- f. any witness who counsel for a Party in good faith believes may be called to testify in this action, provided such person has first executed a Non-Disclosure Agreement in the form annexed as an Exhibit hereto;
- g. any person retained by a Party as a consultant or expert to assist in this action, to the extent deemed necessary by counsel, provided such person has first executed a Non-Disclosure Agreement in the form annexed as an Exhibit hereto;
- h. stenographers engaged to transcribe depositions conducted in this action; and
- i. this Court, including any appellate court, and the court reporters and support personnel for the same.

7. Any Party who objects to any designation of confidentiality may at any time prior to the resolution of any appeals in this action serve upon counsel for the designating person a written notice stating with particularity the grounds of the objection. If the Parties cannot reach agreement promptly, counsel for the Parties will address their dispute to this Court in accordance with this Court's Individual Rules of Practice in Civil Cases.

8. Any Party who requests additional limits on disclosure (such as "attorneys' eyes only" in extraordinary circumstances) may at any time prior to the resolution of any appeals in this

action serve upon counsel for the receiving Party a written notice stating with particularity the grounds for the request. If the Parties cannot reach agreement promptly, counsel for the Parties will address their dispute to this Court in accordance with this Court's Individual Rules of Practice in Civil Cases.

9. Recipients of Confidential Discovery Material under this Protective Order may use such material solely in connection with this action, and specifically (and by way of example and not limitation) may not use Confidential Discovery Material for any business, commercial or competitive purpose. Nothing contained in this Protective Order, however, will affect or restrict the rights of any person with respect to its own documents or information produced in this action. Nor does anything contained in this Protective Order limit or restrict the rights of any person to use or disclose information or material obtained independently from and not through or pursuant to discovery in this action.

10. Any Personally Identifying Information ("PII") (*e.g.*, social security numbers, financial account numbers, passwords, and information that may be used for identity theft) exchanged in discovery shall be maintained by the persons who receive such information and are bound by this Protective Order in a manner that is secure and confidential. In the event that the person receiving PII experiences a data breach, the receiving person immediately shall notify the producing person of the same and cooperate with the producing person to address and remedy the breach. Nothing herein shall preclude the producing person from asserting legal claims or constitute a waiver of legal rights or defenses in the event of litigation arising out of the receiving person's failure to appropriately protect PII from unauthorized disclosure.

11. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 502, the production of privileged or work-product protected documents or communications, electronically stored information ("ESI") or

information, whether inadvertent or otherwise, shall not constitute a waiver of the privilege or protection from discovery in this case or in any other federal or state proceeding. This Protective Order shall be interpreted to provide the maximum protection allowed by Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d). Nothing contained herein is intended to or shall serve to limit a party's right to conduct a review of documents, ESI or information (including metadata) for relevance, responsiveness and/or segregation of privileged and/or protected information before production.

12. Notwithstanding the designation of information as "Confidential," there is no presumption that such information shall be filed with the Court under seal. The parties shall follow the Court's procedures for requests for filing under seal.

13. Any Party filing a motion or any other papers with the Court under seal shall also publicly file a redacted copy of the same, via the Court's Electronic Case Filing system, that redacts only the Confidential Discovery Material itself, and not text that in no material way reveals the Confidential Discovery Material.

14. Nothing in this Protective Order will prevent any person subject to it from producing any Confidential Discovery Material in its possession in response to a lawful subpoena or other compulsory process, or if required to produce by law or by any government agency having jurisdiction; provided, however, that such person receiving such a request will (unless prohibited by law from doing so) provide written notice to the producing person before disclosure and as soon as reasonably possible, and, if permitted by the time allowed under the request, at least 10 days before any disclosure. This notice is intended to enable the producing person to seek to oppose compliance with the subpoena, other compulsory process, or other legal notice if the producing person deems it appropriate to do so.

15. This Protective Order shall survive the termination of the litigation. Within 30 days of the final disposition of this action, including the resolution of any appeals, all Discovery Material designated as “Confidential,” and all copies thereof, shall be promptly returned to the producing person, or, upon permission of the producing person, destroyed, except that the Parties’ counsel shall be permitted to retain their working files on the condition that those files will remain protected.

16. All persons subject to this Protective Order acknowledge that willful violation of this Protective Order could subject them to punishment for contempt of Court. This Court shall retain jurisdiction over all persons subject to this Protective Order to the extent necessary to enforce any obligations arising hereunder or to impose sanctions for any contempt thereof.

SO STIPULATED AND AGREED:

Dated: New York, New York
April 25, 2025

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This confidentiality agreement does not bind the Court or any of its personnel. The Court can modify this stipulation at any time. The Court will retain jurisdiction over the terms and conditions of this agreement only for the pendency of this litigation. Any party wishing to make redacted or sealed submissions shall comply with Rule 9 of this Court's Individual Rules of Civil Procedure.

Dated: April 25, 2025
New York, New York

SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Katherine Polk Failla".

HON. KATHERINE POLK FAILLA
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

EXHIBIT A

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NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

I, _____, acknowledge that I have read and understand the Stipulation and Protective Order (the “Protective Order”) in this action governing the non-disclosure of those portions of Discovery Material that have been designated as Confidential. I agree that I will not disclose such Confidential Discovery Material to any other person; that I will not use such Confidential Discovery Material other than for purposes of this litigation; and that, at the conclusion of the litigation, I will either return all discovery information to the party or attorney from whom I received it, or, upon permission of the producing party, destroy such discovery information. By acknowledging these obligations under the Protective Order, I understand that I am submitting myself to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York for the purpose of any issue or dispute arising hereunder and that my willful violation of any term of the Protective Order could subject me to punishment for contempt of Court.

Dated: _____